

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
COLUMBUS DIVISION

THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

No. 2:22-cv-4297-MHW-EPD

The Hon. Michael H. Watson,  
U.S.D.J.

The Hon. Elizabeth P. Deavers,  
U.S.M.J.

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's order (ECF No. 76), the parties jointly submit this status report:

1. On March 6, 2024, the defendants timely petitioned the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for permission to file an interlocutory appeal under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b). *See In re: Internal Revenue Service*, Case No. 24-0301 (6th Cir.) (docketed Mar. 7, 2024). The Buckeye Institute answered on March 18, 2024, stating that it does not oppose the request. The defendants' petition remains pending.

2. The parties agree that this case should be stayed pending the resolution of the petition and (if granted) subsequent appeal. Any decision from the Sixth Circuit about what standard governs Buckeye's claims will likely dictate the scope of discovery and the focus at trial. This Court recognized the same in its certification order. *See Order*, ECF No. 73, PageID#930. Thus, the parties agree

that it would not be efficient or productive to begin discovery or otherwise move this case forward at this time.

3. The parties request that the Court stay the case pending appeal.

Date: July 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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